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MCB embarks on M1150 project

By Rob L. Jackson
BARSTOW LOG Staff

Pulling a piece of equipment out of storage that hasn't been used in more than a decade with the task of rebuilding it and making it better than before may seem like a monumental undertaking but for Maintenance Center Barstow it's business as usual.

In early January the Maintenance Center was tasked with pulling 43 M1150 series tractors out of storage, performing an enhanced Inspect and Repair Only as Necessary process and getting them ready for possible future deployment.

"These are smaller model dozers and scoop loaders used mostly in built up urban areas where you don't need something as heavy as a Caterpillar V7," explained Greg Johnson, project manager for the 1150 series tractor and the Multi-Commodities Team Lead for the Program Management Branch at MCB.

There are a total of 25 angle-

blade and 18 multipurpose bucket tractors that MCB has scheduled for repair, according to Johnson.

Performing an enhanced IROAN requires removing certain components of the tractor - like the engine, transmission, hydraulic ram cylinders for the buckets and blades, all the major drive train components - and doing a 100 percent rebuild of those components.

"The radiator and core is reconditioned 100 percent. All the rubber and perishable items like seals and gaskets are replaced; that's the enhanced part of an IROAN," he explained.

All other components which are found to be serviceable and within specifications will be cleaned and replaced on the vehicle.

Based on the project manager's assessment of this current job and all that's required, the projected completion time for the 43 tractors is September if not sooner, so there will be zero carryover of the work this year to the next fiscal year.

To arrive at this projected timeframe the first thing Johnson



Photo by Rob Jackson

Four of the 43 M1150 series tractors Maintenance Center Barstow is scheduled to rebuild, two blade and two bucket types, sit awaiting disassembly by MCB's heavy mobile equipment mechanics.

and his program management team did upon receiving clarification of the work, via the Supply Chain Management System at Logistics Command and having funding in place, was formulate a project plan.

The plan for this project is conducted in four phases: planning, pre-execution, project execution and

the project closeout phase.

It is during the initial planning phase where the project team acquires the technical material needed for the job and the Statement of Work is viewed and dissected thoroughly.

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Bush says War 'calling of our generation'

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - In his weekly radio address to the nation Saturday, President George W. Bush told the American people that the war on terror isn't a figure of speech, "it's the inescapable calling of our generation."

Bush noted that terrorists are offended not merely by coalition policies.

"They're offended by our existence as free nations," he said.

"No concession will appease their malice. No accommodation will satisfy their endless demands. No course of therapy will cure them of their hatred.

"There can be no separate peace with the terrorist enemy," the president continued.

"Whatever it takes, we will seek and find and destroy the

terrorists."

Bush said one year ago, ground forces of a strong coalition entered Iraq to liberate that country from the rule of a tyrant.

"For the Iraqi people, it was the beginning of their deliverance," he said.

"For the world, it was the moment when years of demands and pledges turned to decisive action."

The liberation of Iraq was good for the Iraqi people, good for America, and good for the world, the president said.

"The fall of the Iraqi dictator has removed a source of violence, aggression and instability from the Middle East," he said.

"The Iraqi people are now receiving aid, instead of suffering under sanctions. And men and women across the Middle East, looking to Iraq,

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are getting a glimpse of what life in a free country can be like."

Bush emphasized that helping Iraq emerge as a free nation is a global responsibility, and the nations of the world are meeting their responsibilities.

He said troops from Britain, Poland and Japan are securing important areas of the country. Special Forces from El Salvador, Macedonia and other nations are helping to find and defeat Baathist and terrorist killers.

"In all," the president continued, "more than 50 nations are helping the Iraqi people emerge from decades of

tyranny and realize a democratic future."

But he added that there are still violent thugs and murderers in Iraq, and the coalition is dealing with them.

"Not long ago," Bush continued, "we intercepted a planning document being sent to leaders of al Qaeda by a terrorist named Zarqawi. Along with the usual threats, he had a complaint: 'Our enemy,' said Zarqawi, 'is growing stronger and his intelligence data are increasing day by day. This is suffocating!'"

"Zarqawi is getting the

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Three Marines die in operational accidents

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During February, three Marines died in operational accidents, and two Marines and one sailor died in off-duty accidents.

On-duty

A sergeant was crushed and died when the HMMWV he was a passenger in rolled over. After washdown and during transit to ship aboard a Landing Craft Air Cushion (LCAC), an M1A1 tank broke loose and rolled into the outer harbor of Guam with a corporal aboard. The corporal drowned. (Reported as a Navy mishap) A private first class drowned during initial reconnaissance screening training.

Off-duty

A corporal died after he lost control of his motorcycle and crashed. A chief hospitalman assigned to a Marine unit died in a motor vehicle mishap after he collided head-on with two other vehicles. A first lieutenant died in a private airplane crash.

Trends/observations

Motor vehicles accounted for 13 of this year's 21 off-duty fatalities. Excessive speed and operator error caused a loss of control in at least 11 of these fatalities. Five of the fatalities were passengers, which highlights the fact that operational risk management applies to all vehicle occupants; passengers also need to conduct ORM prior to and while riding in a vehicle. I encourage Marines to build on the following ORM for passengers and use it to increase safety awareness and reduce

accidents within their unit. Identify hazards as a passenger. Closely examine these factors; your driver, the vehicle, and the road conditions. Irresponsible drivers pose the greatest danger by driving tired, too fast, recklessly or under the influence of alcohol. Inspect the vehicle for unsafe conditions created by faulty equipment such as worn tires and inoperable lights or seatbelts. Consider the effect external factors such as weather and road conditions will play in safely operating the vehicle. Assess the hazards associated with riding in a vehicle by evaluating their severity and probability. Make no mistake, if you are riding with an irresponsible driver, in an unsafe vehicle, or in poor weather conditions, the likelihood of a mishap is high and the consequences are deadly. You need look no further than these

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Use freedoms to respect

By Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood
Base Chaplain



In our society and more specifically in our families, we can often find ourselves at odds over certain behaviors. For instance, one person may have problems with drinking or smoking and another may not. For the person who has trouble it may be because they were smokers or drinkers for years and became unable to control their use of either substance. Of course we know that anything not used in moderation can be problematic, so I would like to address how we use our personal freedoms in respect to others.

In our country we value the freedom to do what we choose and we place great emphasis on the idea that if someone does not like what we are doing they should go somewhere else and leave us alone to do what we please. We have seen over the past few years a move toward respecting others more and have

made some good improvements. We can also see that there are times when our efforts have been taken to the place where common sense no longer seems part of the process. So I would like to suggest that there are ways in which we as individuals can accomplish some very good things by thinking about these problems in a slightly different way.

When we talk about freedoms or rights we often like to use the phrase that "your right to swing your fist ends where my nose begins." What that really means is that we wish not to be involved in something that we believe will negatively impact us. Of course it is easy to see the "lines" when something like a punch in the nose is mentioned, but what about smoking and drinking or so many other behaviors that people talk about? Sometimes it becomes the responsibility of the person doing the behavior to think about others. For instance, if you are around someone who is trying to quit smoking and you decide to exercise your freedom to smoke then the fact is that you are not being very considerate of the other person. So instead of exercising

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Just doing my job ...



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Staff Sgt. Laura Sikes, a network technician for the Communications Division, helps a Marine complete his tax return. Sikes is a part of the volunteer income tax assistance program and completed two weeks of training to be qualified to file federal and state taxes. For more information on the VITA program or to schedule an appointment to get assistance with taxes, call 577-6874.

Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.
Mass Sun. 5 p.m.

Confession services
before Mass

Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month.
3 p.m. at the Base Chapel.
For more info call 577-6849.



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Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated, lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

Today – French dip, potato salad, fruit cup.

Friday– Baked trout, grilled onions, mashed potatoes and gravy.

Monday – Salisbury steak, grilled mushrooms and onions.

Tuesday – Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and corn on the cob.

Wednesday – Pork stir-fry, fried rice.

Active duty military \$3.25, all others, including civilians \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink. Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon, and at Lanzer's Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 577-6428.

Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m., and at the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. Prices: Active duty military \$1.60, all others \$3.25.

Family Night Dining

Tonight – Barbecue night. Barbecue chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans, cole slaw, tossed green salad, dessert and choice of fountain drink. Prices: \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 5 to 11 years, children under 5 eat free. Prices are the same for military and civilian personnel.

Power Outages

Due to the on going upgrade of the Nebo electrical distribution system, the following outages are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Friday from 6 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. Warehouses 2, 3, 4, 5, the golf course and Buildings 15 and 18.

Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buildings 128 and 129, Quarters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and Well 3.

Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buildings 145, 146, 167, 170, 236, 290 and 327, BB1A, BB1B, BB1C, 33, 44, 27 and S303, Quarters 9 and 13, Warehouses 8, 10, 12, 14, S48 and S41.

Sunday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buildings 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 143, 144,

145, 233, 232, 325 and 326

April 3 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The golf course club house, Buildings 15 and 18, Warehouses 2, 3, 4, 5.

April 4 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 149, 17, 38, 293, Q11, 364, 342, 319, 218, 321, 176, 177, S181, 204, 375, 374, 368, 322, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 163, S393, 226, S196, 196, 197, 198 and 191

April 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All of Desert View housing and the water tank south of I-40.

April 10 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Buildings 372, 103, K9, 185, 186, 187, 301 and 302, S181, the R.V. Park and the Contractors Yards

For more information on the above schedule, call 577-6911.

Water Outages Scheduled

Due to the ongoing upgrade of the Nebo Potable Water Lateral, the following water outages are scheduled for the following dates, times and locations.

Today from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 196, 197 and 198.

Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 204 and 342.

Wednesday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Buildings 319 and 321.

April 7 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Buildings 167 and 236.

April 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Warehouse 3.

For more information on the above schedule call 577-6911/6608.

Plant Sale

The Mojave Desert Resource Conservation District is scheduled to hold its annual "Desert Adaptive" plant sale at the San Bernardino County Fairgrounds on April 2 and 3.

This annual plant extravaganza will again be in conjunction with the Victor Valley Garden Party.

The Mojave Desert RCD plant sale will be offering windbreak trees, perennial flowers, grasses, ground covers and accent plants, which are well adapted to the high desert. The Victor Valley Garden Party will be held on April 3. There will be vendors on site offering educational information clinics and garden supplies to create and enhance a desert adaptive garden. MDRCD will be accepting Visa and MasterCard for pre-order purchases over \$50. Checks and cash will also be accepted but the pre-ordering can only be done during the pre-sale period. Pre-orders will be taken for 10 or more plants. The last date to pre-order is March 22. A non-refundable deposit of 50 percent must accompany the order form.

Military Academic Skills Program

A free Military Academic Skills Program is scheduled to begin in April 19 and will run through May 14 in

101 things you should never ask a Marine to do

By E. Temple



Never ask a Marine to paint your house.

Building 218 in the Lifelong Learning Education Center's classroom.

The class is primarily utilized for Marines and sailors who are interested in increasing their ASVAB scores for reenlistment or to improve lateral move potential.

These classes can also be used to help make the transition back into education programs or college by refreshing basic math, reading and writing skills. Family members over 18 are eligible to take part in this program, while space is available.

The Test of Adult Basic Education is a pre-registration requirement for the course. The test can be scheduled through the Lifelong Learning Education Center.

Classes are held Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information call the Lifelong Learning Education Center at 577-6118.

Telephone Branch advises using DSN

The Telephone Branch recently

completed an audit of outbound dialed calls from both Nebo and Yermo branches.

The audit showed that many calls are using FTS2000 commercial trunks and not utilizing DSN trunks.

FTS2000 trunks cost you and your organization valuable money while DSN is free for the government. The telephone branch advises using DSN first before trying commercial.

To make a call using DSN dial 94 + DSN prefix + last four digits of the number.

DSN numbers for the following bases are as follows:

Fort Irwin, Calif. – 470
Camp Pendleton, Calif. – 365 and 361

China Lake, Calif. – 437
MCAS Miramar, Calif. – 267
MCLB Barstow, Calif. – 282
Quantico, Va. – 278
Camp Lejeune, N.C. – 752
MCRD San Diego, Calif. – 524
MCRD Parris Island, S.C. – 335
For more information on what

numbers to dial DSN contact the base operator by dialing 0.

Base Order Revised

Base Order P5100.11G, the safety program, has been extensively revised and is now available via the MCLB Barstow intranet.

All federal employees are advised to review and become familiar with the order provisions.

To access the revised order do as follows:

Go to <http://mclbonline/>
Click on Policies and Directives
Click on Base Orders
Click on 5000-5999
Click on P5100.11G

The Safety Program orders are long so they will take some time to load.

Uniform Service Almanac

The 2004 Uniformed Service Almanacs and 2004 Retired Military Almanacs are available from Chuck Ashbrook, Career Resources Center program manager, Building 129. Call 577-6169 for more information.

Job Watch

Annc No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
SW0610-DH	Nurse GS-610-9	10-01-2003	Open cont.	N/A	MCLB Barstow
SW0081-04-160020-DE	Firefighter (paramedic) GS-0081-07	3-15-2004	3-25-2004	3-17-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW0081-04-160014-DE	Firefighter (paramedic) GS-0081-04 (target GS-07)	3-15-2004	3-25-2004	3-17-2004	MCLB Barstow
SW0318-04-163269-DE	Secretary (OA) GS-318-05	3-18-2004	4-12-2004	3-22-2004	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit resumes online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding Open Continuous announcements point your browser to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>.

For more information concerning job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office at 577-6357/6279/6481.

This is not an official list. Please see the Web sites listed for a complete list.

Marines inspect M16A4 rifles bound for Iraq at FSD

By Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Reservists and active duty service members from the Marine Forces Reserve headquarters, located in New Orleans, La., and 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines, headquartered in Chicago, Ill., came to MCLB Barstow from March 15 to 18 to inspect 850 M16A4 rifles, supplied by the Fleet Support Division, they will be accepting in preparation of their departure to Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

The new service rifle, the M16A4, which is scheduled to replace the M16A2, will take a couple of years to be completely fielded because the manufacturer, Herstal out of Columbia, S.C., has to make so many, said Master Sgt. Steve Lepacik, Marine Forces Reserve ground ordnance weapons chief.

“(The M16A4) provides a platform for night vision, thermal and optical equipment that gives the operator enhanced capabilities,” he said. This is significant because the inspectors as well as the weapons are getting ready to go to war, said 1st Lt. Jason Kut, ground supply officer and head of the Fleet Support Division Principle End Item Branch here. There is a monthly allocation of 850 weapons from the manufacturer to each of the Marine Corps logistics bases. The weapons are then issued to a unit according to a fielding plan through one of the Marine Corps logistics bases.

The currently deployed I Marine Expeditionary Force had a requirement for more M16A4s than the allocation could



Photo by Pfc. Ashley Warden

MARFORRES and Marines from 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines break down and inspect M16A4 service rifles in a warehouse before sending them to their unit, which was getting ready to deploy to OIF II.

support, said Lepacik. An agreement was made between I MEF and 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines that the I MEF could have one of the 24th Marines’ shares of M16A4s in exchange for the allowance of M16A4s

the I MEF received this March through MCLB Barstow. The agreement ensured that units departing earlier got as many M16A4s as possible when they departed for OIF II.

The I MEF allocation of weapons was stored in a warehouse here, which brought the inspectors to receive the weapons.

“We are helping the Marines meet their mission,” said Kut. “We are doing this outside the box.”

This is because normally the equipment is sent to the unit for inspection instead of being done at the logistics bases, but because of time

constraints and the different units involved the inspections had to be done here, said Kut. A 13-member team consisting of both reservists and active duty Marines was set up to inspect the weapons before the

weapons were shipped to 2nd Battalion, 24th Marines. The weapons come to MCLB Barstow in crates containing 50 weapons each fresh from the manufacturer. Inspectors must unpack each weapon, break it down and look for any missing parts and proper assemblage before sending weapons off to their unit deploying to Iraq.

The weapons are already inspected by the manufactures, said Lepacik. The Marine Corps requires that the weapons be inspected again before any unit accepts them to ensure that they are working properly.

“There is ownership in the process, so inspectors take the time when inspecting the weapons,” said Lepacik. The inspection process includes checking the trigger pull, the gauging, inspecting the completeness of the weapon, whether there are missing parts, and finally there is a function check before verifying the serial number and re-packing. During this process the weapons are completely broken down. This process was accomplished through an assembly line where each Marine has a certain thing he is looking for, said Lepacik. If a minor defect in a weapon is found, the Marines try to fix the disparity themselves, but if this task cannot be accomplished the weapon is rejected. A Product Quality Deficiency Report is filed and the rifle is sent back to the manufacturer, which then replaces the weapon. These weapons are scheduled to help protect Marines deploying to OIF II. The inspection process ensures that these weapons will function properly if there comes a time they need to be used.

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Also in the planning phase the team will conduct a risk assessment to determine if any specialized test equipment, tools, or training is involved and whether the training can get accomplished in time to complete the task at hand.

“Once we get past that point and we determine there’s no risk, then we’ll start going over the statement of work itself,” said Johnson. “Here we’ll agree to the statement of work or challenge specific items within it and try to get clarification at that time.”

Next under the planning phase for the team is developing a project charter. The charter specifies what the project’s purpose is, objective, scope, and what are going to be deliverables, the goal and project resources.

Project resources consist mainly of the job’s core team: the project manager, shop floor control people, quality assurance, and supervisors.

“We also make sure the core team has folks that are going to be dealing with materials, like the planner estimator for example,” said Johnson. “The planner estimator is one of the major players in this project because he orders 100 percent of the parts that we know we’ll need and have identified in the statement of work.

“He orders all those items up front because it takes the guesswork off the guy on the floor and the production shop planner so he

doesn’t have to do it.”

There’s also a support team consisting of those back shops that may encounter the tractors along the production path, like the machine shops, blast shop, steam, paint booth and the electrical shop.

Once the project charter is developed the project team goes through a whole list of items that must be accomplished to include taking the core team out for a site visit, which is no more than taking an up close and personal look at the tractor. This is to give the team members a better idea of what they’ll be working with and to generate ideas of how to best process the vehicle through the Maintenance Center using the Theory of Constraints methodology, according to Johnson.

Within the planning phase the team identifies the project’s critical chain, which is a production scheduling tool that operates with the TOC. The critical chain, according to Johnson, charts a path the tractor has to follow to meet a desired reassembly completion date.

“That path is developed by the artisans on the floor, that person who is going to touch it (the tractor) and do his piece on it,” he explained. “We have to know based on the mechanics’ assessment what the critical chains are going to be.”

What has been forecasted thus far as the critical chain’s key constraint is the tractor’s transmission. This is why Case Construction Equipment out of Racine, Wis., the

original equipment manufacturer, was bought in, since the 1150 series tractor is a commercial based piece of equipment.

“It’s many different ways we’re looking for direct vendor support from Case, one being to cut down on cycle time that we would normally encounter if a part is not available through the regular system,” Johnson revealed. “We want to try and identify as much as possible up front so we’ll have a different avenue in which to go.”

To this point Johnson and his team have already determined that it takes approximately 76 days to complete one tractor from start to finish. The return to customer time is 120 days, the box in which the Maintenance Center was given to work and make its plan.

Although 76 days is basically cutting the return time in half, Johnson said he likes having that buffer. He and his team have already identified the transmission as being the one main constraint on this project even with direct vendor support.

“There’s none in the system,” he said. “We don’t have the luxury of having 40-odd transmissions just sitting around. So the transmission is going to take the longest to rebuild.

“We know we’re not going to get the first one for 45 days, everything else up to that point is where we’re going to need that buffer. Since we knew this and we knew this was going to be a constraint for the



Photo by Rob Jackson

Paul Biancotti (left), heavy mobile equipment mechanic, attempts to remove the hydraulic reservoir from a M1150 series angle-blade tractor with the help of fellow mechanic Larry Eylicio.

entire program ‘how do we solve that?’ is what we’re thinking. ‘How do we go about solving this thing when we know we don’t have any in the system?’”

The project team members knew they couldn’t go to the Defense Logistics Agency because DLA has none on the shelves. They also knew that the original equipment manufacturer didn’t have any on the shelves as well.

To solve the problem the team had 10 tractors pulled in, calling them “seed tractors,” in order to fill the system with all the repairable components, “to prime the system,” said Johnson.

The project team did this for two reasons: to make sure it would have all the parts the team needed and if there were anything missing

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Marines take on 40-mile challenge

Story and photos by Pfc. Ashley Warden
Combat Correspondent

Twenty-seven Marines from MCLB Barstow competed in the ninth annual Association of the United States Army Veterans Home Relay Run, a 40-mile relay race, Saturday.

The race began at 5:30 a.m. at Fitness Connection, located on Innerloop Road at the National Training Center on Fort Irwin. Runners continued down Fort Irwin Road, turned onto Irwin Road and ended at the Veteran's Home of California -- Barstow.

"I thought the race was really motivational, Marines had a good time doing it," said Cpl. Gregory Horn, a tactical network specialist with the Communications Division here.

"It promoted a good esprit de corps."

Seventeen military teams and one civilian team of up to 20 runners entered into the competition.

Two teams from MCLB Barstow entered the race along with teams consisting of soldiers stationed at Fort Irwin and a team from Kennedy Middle School, Barstow, Calif.

The event raises money, which is used to help support soldiers by funding savings bonds for some soldiers and noncommissioned officers.

This year the event raised \$2,300 in sponsorships alone; last year the event made more than \$3,000.

The road to the Veteran's Home of California,-- Barstow, isn't a straight, flat one either. Marines conquered the Mojave Desert

heat and the hills, more like mountains to runners, to finish the race.

"I had a good time; it was surprisingly fun," said Warrant Officer Lonnie McGhee Jr., Maintenance Center supervisor here.

To provide motivation at the end of this long and grueling race teams formed up and ran together for the last part of the race, calling cadences.

"We came together as a group and pushed each other," said Horn.

This was a theme throughout most teams as they crossed the finish line together in a formation. Some teams even carried their unit's guidon across with them.

"I was happy with the way the Marines performed," said 1st Lt. Jason Kut, head of the PEI Branch of the Fleet Support Division.

"I couldn't have asked for anything more."

The first place team consisted of soldiers from the 31st Maintenance Company stationed at Fort Irwin.

The team finished in a time of 3:51:09.

The first Marine Corps team finished 6th in a time of 4:07:37. The second Marine Corps team finished at 5:20:56.

The only civilian team in the race, consisting of runners from Kennedy Middle School finished in 5:22:55.

After the race, a barbecue was put on by AUSA at the Veteran's Home for both participants and veterans.

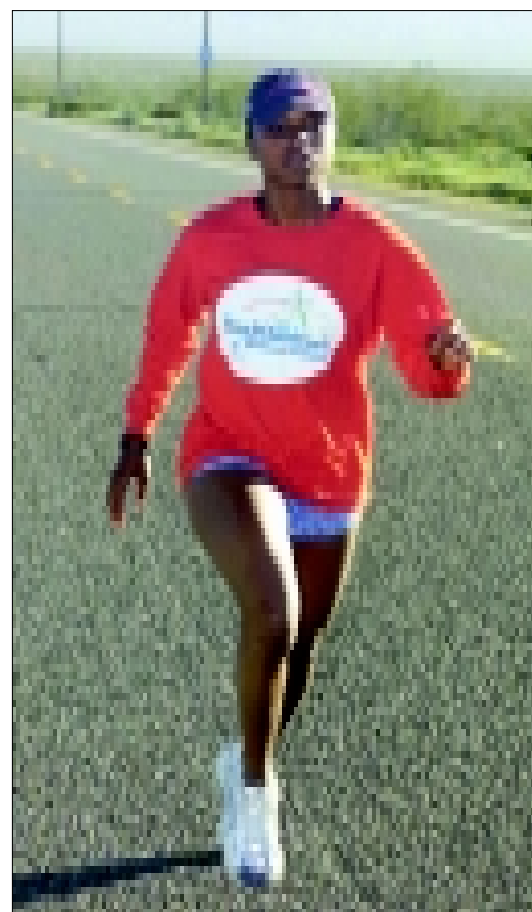
Runners could enjoy their efforts as well as mingle with veterans who attended the event.



Marine Corps Team 2 runs down the final stretch, ending at the Veteran's Home of California-Barstow as they finish the 40-mile relay race Saturday.



(Left) Workers at the Veteran's Home of California in Barstow serve food to race participants, their families, and veterans at the barbecue that was held after the relay race Saturday.



Taking her turn in the race, 2nd Lt. Ayanna Harrison, adjutant, runs a leg of the 40-mile relay race Saturday. Harrison was part of a team from MCLB Barstow consisting of Marines from various organizations around the base. The team, headed by 1st Lt. Jason Kut, finished sixth with a time of 4:07:37. "Where you at, 1st Lt. Smith?" said Kut.



Staff Sgt. Perry Sikes called a motivating cadence for members of MCLB Team One as they crossed the finish line Saturday. Members from Team One took turns running shorter than two-mile intervals during one of Fort Irwin road's massive inclines. One Marine roughly figured Team One's overall pace at a 6:40 mile.

Photo by John Galayda/Desert Dispatch



Photo by Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello

Michelle Lanzer, the widow of Robert Lanzer who is the namesake of the new Lanzer's Lounge at MCB, unveiled the lounge name at the grand opening on March 19.

Grand opening of 'Lanzer's Lounge'

By Lance Cpl. Jenna Lassandrello
Combat Correspondent

The new Lanzer's Lounge had its grand opening and naming ceremony on March 19 in the backside of Building 573 at Maintenance Center Barstow. The "snack bar" as it was called until the grand opening, was named in memory of Robert Lanzer, an MCB electronics mechanic who died in a tragic accident while on the job on Oct. 3, 2003. Although MCB already had the Cactus Café, which serves hot meals, the Cactus Café is only equipped to serve a maximum of 75 people at a time, and MCB has an estimated 750 employees, said Linda Gallegos, a marketing technician for the Marine Corps Community Services Department.

"The Lanzer's Lounge is more like a convenience store that serves hot meals for breakfast and lunch," said Gallegos. The Lanzer's Lounge hours are from 5:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and unlike the Cactus Café, Lanzer's Lounge stays open in between meal times to allow employees to buy such food as microwavable meals and sandwiches. Lanzer's Lounge was unofficially opened in December 2003, and a naming contest went underway to find the "perfect" name. Many employees submitted suggestions but the Lanzer's Lounge just seemed to stick, said Gallegos.

"I was really touched and the thought behind it," said Michelle Lanzer, the widow of Robert Lanzer, who unveiled the name in the ribbon cutting during the grand opening. It is so nice that everyone (at MCB) continues to remember him. I know he is looking down and thinking about how great it is," said Lanzer.

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monthly safety summaries to verify this fact.

Make decisions that minimize your risk to an acceptable level. If an individual is incapacitated, unqualified or unsafe, then do not let him drive. Elect another driver or personally offer to drive. Evaluate travel in another vehicle or by alternate means when safety concerns are present. When schedules permit, delay travel until a driver is rested or road conditions improve. If necessary, elevate risk decisions to your chain of command.

Implement controls to further eliminate or reduce the degree of risk. Issuing a simple warning to drivers to slow down or be more careful can significantly reduce risk. Check the

weather prior to departure and adjust accordingly when traveling.

In an operational environment, ensure drivers have sufficient training and experience by checking their license; review the vehicle's preventative maintenance checks and services (PMCS) to determine the vehicle's condition; and wear personal protective equipment such as a helmet and flak jacket.

Most importantly, supervise. Monitor your driver, the vehicle, and road conditions. As changes occur, review your ORM and take corrective action.

Semper fidelis,

M. W. Hagee, general, U.S. Marine Corps, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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the team would have the time to get it.

"The other piece of that whole is because we know the critical chain is (dependent upon) the transmission and our direct vender support needs 45 days in which to produce the first transmission, we give him 10 transmissions up front," he said. "That gives him 45 days to build not only one transmission but also 10 of them."

Johnson, referring to the project progress chart, said that by day 28 or 29 of the vehicle being in the system the artisans on the M1150 line are going to need a transmission. By inducting so many tractors a day on the production line by April 1 and four to five days later inducting so many more, Johnson figures that the first production tractor needing an engine and transmission should be around May 5 based on his flow chart.

"By May 5 we should be able to get four transmissions from Case and whatever component parts we've decided makes good business practice to outsource. Then we'll need four more back by May 11 and so on," Johnson explained. "Because every other production day, if we inducted a tractor today or tomorrow then 120 days from now, or 76 days from now our tractor is going to be due. On the 77th day another tractor and so on until we make our production schedule."

During the monthly phasing portion of the project's schedule, with having 25 angle-blade tractors and 18 of the buckets, MCB is looking at inducting a total of 14 tractors into the production system. That's eight of the angle-blade and six of the buckets, according to Johnson.

"So between April 1 and 15 we need to induct 14 tractors to meet a zero carry-over deficit. That's our objective. We're looking at 14



Photo by Rob Jackson

Bill Thompson, Case Construction Equipment representative out of Racine, Wis., inspects parts in the cabover portion of a M1150 tractor. Case is providing the direct vender support on this latest Maintenance Center Barstow project.

more in May and the final 15 are to be inducted in June," he said. Production-wise the first 14 tractors are to be completed by July, followed by the next 15 in August and the final 15 in September. "With this (schedule) you have to keep massaging it looking out for glitches, watching for flags on each one of these things because something is going to give you an early warning which you'll have to catch later on in the project," he said. "But, we have enough people looking at the process and monitoring it as we go along." According to Johnson, the projected completion time for these tractors is September.

"As a matter of fact, if everything meets our 76 calendar day schedule

we'll finish this job prior to September sometime around mid-August," said Johnson. "Allowing for any hiccups the objective is to finish the project before the end of September." Larry Eylicio, a heavy mobile equipment mechanic who worked on the tractor about 15 or 20 years ago, who has begun disassembly of one of the "seed" tractors said the objective for him as well as his fellow artisans is return these tractors to the customer better than they were before. With this attitude the M1150 project will be completed before the September deadline with a zero carryover, waiting to see what projects come in for the next fiscal year.

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the freedom to smoke a person might wish to exercise the freedom to think about the one who is attempting to stop smoking. The same thing would apply to any other similar situation.

The difficulty is that "freedoms" often can become opportunities for selfishness. It is easy to let that happen and that is why we must work to assert our freedoms very carefully as they begin to involve other people. It is interesting to note that in the reading for today St. Paul says that if something he does becomes a "stumbling block" for someone else that he will not do that behavior again. He is using his freedom to help others instead of just using it as he wishes without regard for others. It is sometimes hard for us think that way, but

moving ourselves in that direction is the beginning of harmony.

It takes a strong person to think of the struggles of someone else especially when they do not struggle with the same issues. That is what St. Paul was saying.

Just because he did not struggle with something he did not believe that it was OK for him to make other people struggle.

So this week as we all go about our business let's try and remember that the way we express our freedoms almost always affects others and if we are affecting them negatively we should consider using our freedoms for good instead of ill.

Peace,

Fr Randel

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idea,” Bush said.

“The resolve of our coalition is firm. We will never turn over Iraq to terrorists who intend our own destruction. We will not fail the Iraqi people, who have placed their trust in us.

“Whatever it takes, we will fight and work to assure the success of freedom in Iraq,” he added. Bush said terrorists hate and target a free Iraq. They also hate and target every country that stands for democracy, tolerance and freedom in the world. The murders in Madrid have revealed, once again, the agenda and the nature of the terrorist enemy. “They kill the innocent—they kill children and their mothers on a commuter train—without conscience or mercy,” he noted. “They cause suffering and grief, and rejoice in it.”

The president mentioned his trip March 18 to Fort Campbell, Ky., where he met with special operations forces and members of the

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101st Airborne Division, recently redeployed from Iraq. “These men and women are defending their fellow citizens against ruthless enemies,” Bush said. “They have liberated millions from oppression and added to the momentum of freedom across the world. Like all of their brothers and sisters in uniform, they are making America safer and more secure. Because of their service and sacrifice, I know that justice and freedom will prevail over terror and tyranny.”

Combined Federal Campaign Eagle Awards



Photo by Curt Lambert
From left to right: Richard Davis, Susan Patten, Billie Reed, Susan Durant, Margaret Carter, and Col. Liz Bergman are recipients of the Eagle Award for their contributions of \$650 or more to the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign.



By Jim Gaines
MCCS Publicity

Ten percent off all 12 packs

All 12 pack beverages are 10 percent off during the Beverage Sale at the Super Seven Store and the Railhead Exchange. This sale is in progress and runs through the end of the month.

For more information call the Super Seven Store at 256-8974.

The Super Seven Store and Gas Station hours are: Mondays through Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Credit card sales for gas at the pumps are 24/7.

Club activities

At the Oasis Club this week: Tonight is Happy Hour from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tomorrow is TGIFamily Night. Tuesday is Burn Your Own Steak Night, and Wednesday is Movie Night.

Thursday is Right Hand Night.

At the Enlisted Club this week: Darts, pool, TV and CD music every night. TGIFriday! every Friday. Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays are Bar and Grill Nights, and Wednesday is Midweek Relaxation Hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, be sure to catch the NBA game at the club.

For more information call 577-6418

Hobby Shop trip to Pomona

The Ceramic Hobby Shop will be closed on Saturday.

The hobby shop will be sponsoring a trip to the Pomona Ceramic Show on this date.

The hobby shop will be open again on regular schedule Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Marke Hutchens at the Ceramic Hobby Shop would like to remind everyone that there is still time for

those Easter projects. There is a nice selection of baskets, eggs and bunnies to choose from for your project.

For more information call Hutchens at 577-6228.

Free movies at the gym

Every Thursday enjoy a free movie at the gym. The current movie schedule is:

Tonight – Gods and Generals. Show time: 5:30 p.m.

For more information call 577-6817.

Lifelong Learning Programs

Lifelong Learning has three schools on base for your educational needs:

1. California Career School - offering CDL Class A and B licenses.

2. Cameron University - offering an MBA program. Registration is on-going with new classes starting every five to six weeks. Application fee is \$25. You can finish your MBA degree in 18 to 24 months. For more information call Debra Ann Valdez at 256-8696.

3. Park University - offering BS degrees in criminal Justice administration, management, management/computer information systems, management/human resources and social psychology.

For more information call 256-8811.

Dining Changes

Dinners will no longer be served at the Family Restaurant.

As of April 5, dinners will be served at the Enlisted Club from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Only

Thursday night's Family Night Dining will be continued at the Family Restaurant.



The Family Restaurant will also be closed on weekends and holidays with menu service offered at the Enlisted Club from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information please call 577-6428.

1997 FORD EXPEDITION SPORT
UTILITY: Silver, V8, 4.6 liter, auto-
matic, 4 wheel drive, fully loaded with
multi compact disc charger, (81,000
miles) \$14,000. Call 252-1160.

1998 PLYMOUTH BREEZE: Runs
good, \$2,500 OBO. E-mail
olguinmf@barstow.usmc.mil or call
577-7767.

1998 FORD RANGER XLT: V-6, auto,
P/B, P/S, AM/FM CD player, 15 inch
factory wheels, xlt cond, one owner,
118,000 miles, \$6,800, OBO. Call
243-1392 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Roll bar, fits
Ranger \$50; tailgate 83-89 Ranger
\$50, xlt cond; 98 Ranger factory alu-
minum, 14-inch wheels, \$300. Call
243-1392 AWH.

MISCELLANEOUS: Heritage sofa,
light green velour, xlt cond, \$150,
OBO; computer desk, Oak/black fin-
ish, xlt cond, \$40 OBO. Call 252-
4996.

MISCELLANEOUS: Beginner Trum-
pet, \$50; very nice trumpet, \$150.
Call 256-8131 lv msg.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baseball equip-
ment to include gloves, bats, pants,
catcher's equipment, at various
prices. Call 252-1160.

MISCELLANEOUS: Twin-size day
bed w/mattress and white metal
frame \$100; large birdcage, \$45;
Murray 20" lawn mower w/bag \$65.
Call 252-4787 or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: Baby items,
rocking entertainer center, \$40; white
rocking cradle w/bedding, \$65; large
Century stroller \$90; small stroller,
\$35; Blues Blue blanket (twin size)
w/drapes and sheets \$40; Quiet
Time swing set, \$35. Call 252-4787
or 447-2771.

MISCELLANEOUS: Single cast iron
sink w/faucet \$25; American
Tourister Luggage (3 piece) \$20;
wood frame 26"x31" \$15; small truck
utility box \$30; OBO. Call 256-1430
lv msg.

WANTED: Large doghouse, com-
mercial or home made in good con-
dition. Call 253-5926.

PETS: Purebred toy Pomeranian
puppy, one male 8 weeks old, has
first shot already, milk chocolate in
color, cute little guy. Parents on pre-
mises, \$350 firm. Call 252-1588.

